

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached Sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1, 2, and 3. These sheets, which include Figures 1, 2, and 3 replace the original sheets which included Figures 1, 2, and 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (3)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-15, and 17-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-15, and 17 have been amended by this Amendment. Claims 5, 12, and 16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 18-23 have been added by this Amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-8, 12 and 16 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As described in more detail below, each of independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 13 incorporates allowable subject matter.

Drawings

The Examiner asserts that Figures 1-3 should be designated by a legend such as “Prior Art” because only that which is old is illustrated. Applicants submit herewith amended drawings including such “Prior Art” legend for Figures 1-3.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended claim 10 to address the Examiner’s rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants now request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-4, 9, 11, 13-15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Applicants' Alleged Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter "AAPA") in view of E. Njedjou et al. (draft-njedjou-inter-an-handoffs-00.txt by E Njedjou et al, IETF Mobile IP Working Group, June 2003, hereinafter "Njedjou") and Tiainen et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0155036, hereinafter "Tiainen").

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are restricting the claims to the subject matter indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. This is being done without prejudice to future prosecution of the rejected claims in a continuation application.

More specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of now canceled claim 5. Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of any base claims. Claim 11 has been amended include the features of now canceled claim 12. Claim 13 has been amended to include the features of now canceled claim 16. As noted above, claims 5, 6, 12, and 16 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter by the Examiner and, therefore, claims 1, 6, 11, and 13, which have respectively been amended to include the features of claims 5, 6, 12, and 16 and any intervening base claims, are deemed to be allowable. Claims 2-4, 7-10, 14-15, and 17, which variously depend from one of claims 1, 6, 11, and 13, are deemed to be allowable for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claims 1, 6, 11, and 13.

In view of the above, Applicants request that the rejections under 35 USC § 103(a) be withdrawn.

New Claims

New claims 18-23 contain the features of claims 2-5 and 9-10, respectively. New claims 18-23, which depend from claim 6, are deemed to be allowable for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 6.

CONCLUSION

Please charge our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412 in the amount \$220.00 in payment for the addition of 1 independent claim in excess of three.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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